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TOBACCO COUNTY ESTIMATES			
TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, and Production, by Counties, SOUTH CAROLINA, 2007			
County	Acres Harvested	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production
	Acres	Pounds	Pounds
Aiken .....	--	--	--
Allendale .....	--	--	--
Anderson .....	--	--	--
Bamberg .....	--	--	--
Barnwell .....	--	--	--
Beaufort .....	--	--	--
Berkeley .....	--	--	--
Calhoun .....	--	--	--
Charleston .....	--	--	--
Cherokee.....	--	--	--
Chester .....	--	--	--
Chesterfield 1/.....	--	--	--
Clarendon 1/.....	--	--	--
Colleton1/.....	--	--	--
Darlington .....	2,050	2,150	4,408,000
Dillon .....	1,300	2,220	2,888,000
Dorchester .....	--	--	--
Edgefield .....	--	--	--
Fairfield .....	--	--	--
Florence .....	2,950	2,320	6,844,000
Georgetown 1/.....	--	--	--
Greenville .....	--	--	--
Greenwood .....	--	--	--
Hampton .....	--	--	--
Horry .....	6,900	2,255	15,559,000
Jasper .....	--	--	--
Kershaw .....	--	--	--
Lancaster .....	--	--	--
Laurens .....	--	--	--
Lee .....	--	--	--
Lexington .....	--	--	--
Marion .....	1,050	2,250	2,361,000
Marlboro 1/ .....	--	--	--
McCormick .....	--	--	--
Newberry .....	--	--	--
Oconee .....	--	--	--
Orangeburg .....	--	--	--
Pickens .....	--	--	--
Richland .....	--	--	--
Saluda .....	--	--	--
Spartanburg .....	--	--	--
Sumter 1/.....	--	--	--
Union .....	--	--	--
Williamsburg .....	2,500	2,035	5,088,000
York .....	--	--	--
Other Counties 1/ .....	3,750	2,394	8,977,000
State Total .....	20,500	2,250	46,125,000


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# Farm Facts For South Carolina



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THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

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FARM LABOR

There were 919,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2008, down 7 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 700,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 219,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.60 per hour during the April 2008 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.65 per hour, up 30 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.32 per hour compared with \$9.59 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.87 per hour, was up 45 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Employment, Hours Worked and Wage Rates, Southeast, April 6-12, 2008, with Comparisons 1/

Farm Employment	April 8-14, 2007	January 6-12, 2008	April 6-12, 2008
FARM WORKERS	Thousand		
Hired.....	736	*594	700
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	593	*506	563
149 Days or Less .....	143	88	137
HOURS WORKED:	Hours per Week		
Hired .....	40.7	38.4	41.0
WAGE RATES FOR:	Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers 2/ 3/.....	10.20	*10.81	10.60
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined..	9.42	*9.88	9.87
Field .....	9.35	*9.67	9.65
Livestock .....	9.59	*10.18	10.32

\* Revised. 1/ Excludes AK. 2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 95 million eggs during April unchanged from last year. Production totaled 73 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,491,000 birds, down 7 percent from 4,851,000 a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,115 eggs, compared with 1,958 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.38 billion during April 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2008 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2007.

Average Layers and Egg Production, Selected States, and U.S.			
Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,436	175	1,855
Florida	10,460	221	2,113
Georgia	18,940	380	2,006
North Carolina	12,700	257	2,024
South Carolina	4,491	95	2,115
United States	341,159	7,384	2,164

**BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

During the month of April, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.4 million chicks, up 3 percent from last year's 18.8 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 797 million, down slightly from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 665 million on May 1, 2008, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Chicks Hatched by Type South Carolina and U.S., April 2008		
Flock Type and Area	April 2008	Jan-April 2008
	Thousand	
Broiler Type:		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,423	78,244
United States	797,481	3,223,443
Egg Type:		
United States	41,051	158,314

PEACH PRODUCTION

Based on June 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2008 **PEACH PRODUCTION** are expected to total 65.0 thousand tons, up 420 percent from last year, and 8 percent above 2006. Scattered hail damage and an early spring frost have caused crop damage to date. Early variety peach harvest was in full swing.

The 2008 **PEACH CROP** in the THREE MAJOR STATES, California, Georgia, and South Carolina is forecast at 910,000 tons, down 5 percent from 2007 but 12 percent above two years ago.

The California Clingstone crop is forecast at 380,000 tons, down 5 percent from the May 1 forecast and 24 percent below 2007. The California Freestone crop is forecast at 430,000 tons, equal to the May 1 forecast and the 2007 crop. Georgia's peach crop is forecast at 35,000 tons, up 169 percent from last year's crop but 15 percent below 2006.

Total Production by Crop, State and United States, 2006-2007 and Forecasted June 1, 2008				
State	Total Production			
	2006	2007	2008	
California, All Clingstone 1/ Freestone	----- Tons -----			
	712,000	933,000	810,000	
	359,000	503,000	380,000	
	353,000	430,000	430,000	
	41,000	13,000	35,000	
Georgia	41,000	13,000	35,000	
South Carolina	60,000	12,500	65,000	
Total	813,000	958,500	910,000	

1/ CA Clingstone is over-the-scale tonnage and include culls and cannery diversions.

PEANUT COUNTY ESTIMATES

Acreage, Yield, and Production, by Counties, South Carolina, 2006 and 2007

County	Acres Planted 1/		Acres Harvested 2/		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production 2/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	----- Acres -----				---- Pounds ----		-- Thou. Pounds--	
Allendale	2,300	2,450	2,200	2,400	1,900	3,415	4,178	8,192
Bamberg	2,800	2,900	2,700	2,750	3,145	3,045	8,490	8,368
Barnwell	3,100	2,100	3,000	2,000	2,895	2,940	8,684	5,882
Calhoun	8,250	10,050	7,900	9,950	3,550	3,305	28,057	32,899
Clarendon	600	3/	500	3/	2,620	3/	1,310	3/
Colleton	3/	1,400	3/	1,100	3/	2,785	3/	3,063
Darlington	1,550	2,550	1,500	1,950	3,115	2,180	4,673	4,251
Dillon	3/	1,800	3/	1,650	3/	2,585	3/	4,263
Dorchester	3,750	3,000	3,700	2,950	3,055	2,790	11,305	8,225
Florence	2,300	2,050	2,300	1,850	2,805	1,990	6,447	3,679
Georgetown	1,200	3/	1,200	3/	2,500	3/	3,002	3/
Hampton	4,350	3,400	4,100	3,350	2,775	3,460	11,382	11,595
Lee	2,900	3/	2,600	3/	2,505	3/	6,515	3/
Lexington	1,050	1,150	1,000	1,050	3,865	4,340	3,863	4,558
Marion	1,250	1,950	1,250	1,850	2,635	2,765	3,295	5,119
Marlboro	3/	1,650	3/	1,550	3/	3,115	3/	4,828
Orangeburg	13,050	12,300	12,400	12,150	3,170	3,215	39,301	39,082
Sumter	1,250	850	1,200	850	3,300	3,945	3,958	3,354
Williamsburg	4,150	3,450	3,800	3,350	3,000	3,190	11,392	10,685
Other Counties	5,150	5,950	4,650	5,250	2,612	2,963	12,148	15,557
STATE	59,000	59,000	56,000	56,000	3,000	3,100	168,000	173,600

1/ Includes acreage for green nuts. 2/ Acreage and production estimated for peanuts for nuts only. 3/ Other counties not published separately due to established agency guidelines.

SWEET POTATOES

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production: Selected States and United States, 2006 and 2007 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	----- Thou. Acres -----				----- Cwt. -----		---- Thou. Cwt ----	
California	12.2	13.5	12.2	13.3	305	320	3,721	4,256
Louisiana	18.0	16.0	13.5	15.0	165	200	2,228	3,000
North Carolina	40.0	44.0	39.0	43.0	180	155	7,020	6,665
South Carolina	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	140	110	84	55
United States	95.2	100.6	86.8	97.5	187	185	16,248	18,082

1/ 2007 revised.

CATTLE, BEEF COWS, AND MILK COWS INVENTORY,  
By Counties, South Carolina, January 1, 2007 and 2008

County	All Cattle and Calves		All Beef Cows That Have Calved		All Milk Cows That Have Calved	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Abbeville	17,100	16,600	10,600	9,400	--	--
Aiken	11,500	11,000	5,400	5,500	--	--
Allendale	4,200	4,900	2,000	2,200	--	--
Anderson	37,800	37,500	20,700	18,700	700	600
Bamberg	6,700	6,800	1,900	2,200	1,450	1,600
Barnwell	3,600	3,800	1,500	1,800	--	--
Beaufort	700	*	700	*	--	--
Berkeley	2,200	1,900	1,100	1,100	--	--
Calhoun	2,500	2,700	1,000	1,200	--	--
Charleston	2,400	2,700	1,000	1,100	--	--
Cherokee	8,100	8,300	4,900	4,500	--	--
Chester	13,300	12,500	6,700	5,400	650	1/
Chesterfield	10,700	10,400	5,000	5,500	--	--
Clarendon	3,700	3,100	1,500	1,500	--	--
Colleton	4,000	4,300	2,200	2,400	--	--
Darlington	4,800	*	1,900	*	--	--
Dillon	1,700	1,800	700	800	--	--
Dorchester	3,600	4,200	1,700	1,700	--	--
Edgefield	7,900	8,200	3,200	3,500	850	1/
Fairfield	6,000	6,800	4,400	3,800	--	--
Florence	3,200	2,900	1,400	1,500	--	--
Georgetown	1,300	*	700	*	--	--
Greenville	11,200	11,100	6,400	5,500	--	--
Greenwood	11,100	11,600	7,100	7,000	--	--
Hampton	2,000	2,100	1,000	1,100	--	--
Horry	11,100	11,200	4,000	4,600	--	--
Jasper	1,100	*	500	*	--	--
Kershaw	4,100	4,300	2,400	2,400	--	--
Lancaster	12,200	12,200	7,600	7,100	--	--
Laurens	24,400	25,500	13,000	12,900	800	700
Lee	2,200	2,400	900	1,100	--	--
Lexington	10,500	9,400	4,500	4,500	1/	300
McCormick	2,700	2,600	1,600	1,500	--	--
Marion	5,200	5,200	2,500	2,700	--	--
Marlboro	2,600	2,700	1,300	1,300	--	--
Newberry	23,800	24,000	9,000	8,700	4,000	4,400
Oconee	16,800	17,500	9,800	9,800	--	--
Orangeburg	12,200	12,300	3,200	3,200	2,900	3,000
Pickens	8,600	9,100	5,100	5,200	--	--
Richland	2,200	2,000	1,000	1,000	--	--
Saluda	22,600	23,800	12,100	12,400	1,000	1,100
Spartanburg	20,700	17,200	10,900	8,900	1,400	1/
Sumter	5,500	5,300	2,100	2,300	900	900
Union	6,500	7,100	6,500	4,000	--	--
Williamsburg	4,100	4,300	1,700	2,000	--	--
York	19,800	19,800	11,400	10,700	--	--
Other Counties 1/	--	6,900	--	3,400	2,300	5,400
State	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	17,000	18,000

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